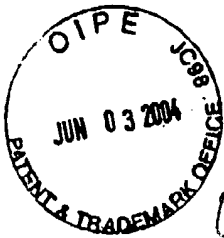


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Marco Nahmias NANNI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1733
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Application No.: 10/038,622	)	Examiner: Adrienne C. Johnstone
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.